

REMARKS:

By this Amendment, the Applicant has canceled originally filed Claims 1 through 17, and added new Claims 18 through 62, renumbered herein as Claims 1 - 45, to more clearly define the subject matter of the invention in compliance with U.S. Patent Office rules.

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims amended by this Amendment are allowable over the prior art and the application is in condition for allowance.

Enclosed is a check for \$450.00 for the 37 C.F.R. §1.16(c) filing fee for the additional claims presented in this amendment. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 50-0305. Also enclosed is a return postcard.

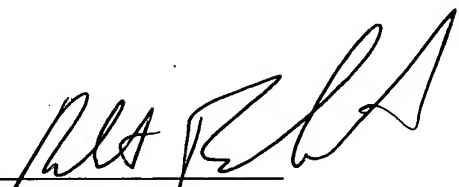
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